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Chester to Look into Apartments Created in Single-Family Homes

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Soon the town will be reviewing single family homes with added apartments. Those apartments are not allowed in the town's zoning, but officials say they seem to be not uncommon.

The issue was raised at the Thursday, May 31, selectmen's meeting by zoning board of adjustment (ZBA) chair Don Brown during a meeting between the board and assessor Scott Marsh of Municipal Resources Inc.

Brown noted the ZBA was being put into a difficult situation when approached by residents with apartments that were not legal, but which had been

recognized and taxed by the town's assessing department.

At its heart, the matter seemed to be a case of poor communication between town departments, and those discussing it decided they'd look into rectifying the situation.

Marsh said the assessing department doesn't have the authority to determine whether an apartment is legal, and is simply recording what exists at a property. He added that he wasn't aware the assessing department had received guidance to red flag such homes but said it was something that could be done in the future.

That being said, Marsh said information on a tax card didn't automatically make something legal. He

gave the example that if the tax card indicated that a property owner had 10 acres, but a survey found that he or she had just five acres, the owner had five acres, regardless of tax card information.

Selectman Mike Weider echoed Marsh's comments by stating that if an addition to a home did not go through the correct process and receive the right permits, it wasn't legal, regardless of what the tax card stated.

Chair Steph Landau conceded Brown's point that the matter was a legitimate concern and should be looked into. He added that the building department's records aren't always accurate, in part because of

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Hampstead/Timberlane District Names Interim Superintendent

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 Board voted unanimously to name Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg as Interim Superintendent of the Hampstead/Timberlane School Districts. The Timberlane district encompasses Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson and Danville.

The SAU Board met Thursday evening, May 31, and faced with the June 30 date of Superintendent Richard La Salle's last day of work, voted to bring Feneberg into the interim post.

Chairman Mike Mascola set a time limit for the interim superintendent position discussion. He urged the board to try to come to an

agreement but said if agreement couldn't be reached, another meeting would be scheduled.

"We are a month away from having a vacancy at the Superintendent's position so we need to put someone in that position," he told the board members.

Hampstead Board member Natalie Gallo said she thought it would be expedient to approach Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg as the person best suited to be in charge until a new superintendent is appointed.

Mascola said he had taken the liberty of speaking with Feneberg earlier to see what his reaction would be if he were to be appointed. He said Feneberg told him he would accept.

Hampstead Board mem-

ber Judy Graham said she agreed with Gallo, especially as Feneberg is cross trained and already in place.

"I think it is the right thing to do," she said.

Timberlane School Board member Lori Aubrey had a motion already prepared to appoint Feneberg and to compensate him for the period he was Interim Superintendent at the present Superintendent's pay level, leaving the remainder of his benefits unchanged.

Nancy Steenson said she understood that just minutes before the motion was made, the board had agreed to delay any decision regarding compensation until a later date.

After a brief discussion, she offered an amendment to the motion, removing the

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DAMP DECISIONS Adrianna Viger and her dad, Ed Viger, of Chester sort through some of the many daylilies to find just the right color for their garden during Saturday's Sandown Garden Club's annual plant sale. More than 1,100 plants were available to choose from, taken from members' gardens over the past months. Proceeds benefit the club's projects in town. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Revaluation Process Begins Again in Sandown

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – A request for proposal (RFP) will be going out soon to companies that perform revaluations. Sandown, as required by state law, has to perform the reassessment of all town properties by August of next year, and its contracted assessing firm, Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI), is heading the bid process.

MRI's Scott Marsh met with the board of selectmen June 4 to discuss the matter. Marsh presented the board with draft RFPs.

The revaluation will be a statistical update, meaning that two years of home sales will be reviewed to realign home values. It's a process that assumes a town's current property data is still good.

This will be a less costly process than in 2008, when the town performed a cycli-

cal full list and measure revaluation at a cost of about \$165,000. A full revaluation involves visiting every parcel in town.

Noting that MRI was on the list of potential bidders, selectman Hans Nicolaisen questioned whether the firm should be involved so closely with the bid process. Marsh informed the board that as far he understood, MRI had no plans to bid for

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Chester Marks DARE Graduation, Officer's Retirement

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Fifth grader commitment to staying drug and alcohol free was on display last week at Chester Academy, as the students graduated from the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. DARE is run jointly by the school and the police department, but its leader for the past four years has been officer Dan Bouchard.

Sadly, said teachers and officers, Bouchard is retiring and will no longer be teaching the 12-week program in town.

For the last two years, Bouchard has graduated 100 percent of participating students from the program, something he has found to be very difficult in his 17 years running DARE. Bouchard, who formerly ran it in Londonderry, has always strived to get that 100 percent, and with Chester he

was able to meet that goal twice.

Bouchard, who served as a police officer for 34 years, has had more than 6,500 DARE graduates in his time with the program.

"When you become a person that serves the people, you hope that you have a positive impact, and I think that 6,500 students is quite a number," said assistant principal Mark Campbell as he introduced Bouchard.

It's an important program, said Bouchard, because it teaches kids ways to manage peer pressure and make good decisions. It's about positive self-esteem and obtaining the tools to be successful, and he said it's taught at a time right before kids enter a period in their lives when peer pressure escalates.

It emphasizes something called the DARE Decision Making Model: Define the challenge, Assess the choices, Respond to the situation



One hundred percent of Chester Academy's participating fifth graders graduated from the DARE program last week. They each received a certificate from DARE officer Dan Bouchard, left, and police chief Bill Burke.

Photo by Matt Rittenhouse

and Evaluate that choice.

Four students had the chance during the ceremony to read essays they wrote about their DARE education. They discussed the negative health and social consequences of drugs and alcohol and their legality, as well as tricks to deal with peer pressure and advertising, and how to make wise decisions.

Teachers thanked Bouchard for his efforts and surprised him with a visit from his wife, Christine, to mark the occasion.

Police chief Bill Burke also thanked Bouchard and said he was not only a good police officer, but a good man.

For his part, Bouchard thanked the students and fifth grade teachers and said it was by their efforts that the program was a success. Bouchard became emotional

as he spoke with the crowd, noting that he thought it would be easy to make it through his last graduation.

"It's been the best four years here at Chester Academy. I can't say enough about your teachers, administrators and staff here. I think they're awesome," said Bouchard.

He urged his current class to do right by themselves and to make their parents proud as they go through life. He said everyone messes up now and again, but despite that, their parents would always be there for them. He urged the kids to look out into the full audience to see that their parents were right behind them, supporting them.

"Be your own person. Don't be a follower. Think for yourself and do what's right for yourself," said Bouchard.

He added that he often runs into adults whom he taught as youngsters, and they still remember the lessons.

Bouchard, who lost his trigger finger in an accident when he was a toddler, fin-

ished the program with the story of how he lost that finger, something the kids routinely ask about. How he lost it was a short story, but the lessons he learned from that loss took a bit longer. He told the kids that he was turned down again and again in his efforts to become a police officer because he didn't have that trigger finger, but perseverance and work eventually got him his badge. He always qualified on his first try on the tests to keep his firearms certification.

"What I'm telling you guys is that when you set yourself a goal, work at it," Bouchard said. "You know people will put obstacles in front of you and say, 'You can't do this.' If you try hard enough, you can accomplish anything. You're going to have a lot of obstacles that come up through your life. Work hard. Believe in yourself."

The police department will be searching for Bouchard's replacement in the coming months, said Burke.

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Timberlane High DI Team Successful at Globals

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Timberlane Regional High School's Destination Imagination (DI) team placed 18th at the Global Finals last week. That's 18 out of not only the 62 competitors they faced at the University of Tennessee, but each of those 62 teams beat others from literally across the planet to attend the finals.

The team, comprised of

Braden McKallagat, Alex Kennedy, Cara Bishop and Kayleigh Sullivan, placed second at the state finals to qualify for the Globals.

DI is an extra-curricular program that emphasizes creativity and putting thoughts and ideas into action. It's a student competition that pits teams' collective minds against each other, from their ability to write dialogue and create scenery for a skit to their knowledge of mechanics to

their ability to think quickly on their feet. There's an emphasis on creativity, teamwork, and innovation when teams compete in a variety of "challenges" that focus on various disciplines, from mechanical design to fine arts.

Timberlane's team competed this year in "The Solar Stage" challenge, which had them not only creating and presenting a theatrical performance on the use of solar energy and integrating

research on solar energy into that play, but also designing and creating a solar energy prototype that demonstrated a new way to harness the sun's power. And then they had to design and provide theatrical lighting to illuminate their presentation and to create special effects.

The team is run out of the home of Laura and Ed Sullivan, who, led by Laura, have been coaching DI teams for a decade. San-

down-based teams coached by the Sullivans have made it to the state level every year and have gone to the Globals six of those 10 years.

The group, starting near the beginning of the school year, met every Wednesday and many Saturdays.

This is the Sullivans' last year of coaching.

Ed Sullivan said the team did well and members should be proud of themselves. He added that

throughout New Hampshire, the reputation of Timberlane is renowned as one of the "Top Contenders," and he and his wife hope that tradition of excellence continues with community and district support.

Over 1,276 teams from 45 states, seven Canadian provinces and 13 other countries took part in Globals. New Hampshire fielded 38 teams and scored 12 top-20 finishes.

Sandown Recreation May Revert to Old Email Address

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – The recreation department may be reverting back to its old email addresses at comcast.net, following troubles with limited function of its sandown.us email program.

Recreation coordinator Deb Brown and recreation commission chair Ron Dulong explained that since the town shifted to the sandown.us emails, they've been having problems.

Brown said the problems ranged from not being able

to access the calendar feature or out of office reply to difficulty in utilizing distribution lists.

The recreation department relies on email to keep people up to date on happenings, and said the problems are a time waster.

Brown estimated that 85 percent of the department's communication these days went through email and within the last two weeks, the problems had escalated.

Though the town's information technology service, RMON Networks, will be looking into fixing the

problem this week, the selectmen gave recreation permission to use the old Comcast address if the issues weren't rectified.

The town began using sandown.us for all emails in an effort to make sure all Right to Know laws were being followed and there was adequate back-up for that communication. Recreation assured the board that if it switches to Comcast, those efforts would stay status quo.

In other business at Monday night's meeting:

• The board reviewed a proposal from CMC Tech-

nology Group for a telecommunications upgrade for town buildings. If contracted with CMC, the town would be utilizing a Voice Over IP system for phone needs.

The board has already met with Granite State Communications, which currently serves the town, and will be comparing the proposals to arrive at a decision soon.

• Selectmen decided to withhold approval for a crack sealing contract presented by the highway department. Director of

Public Works Artie Genualdo suggested the board approve a bid for \$10,000 from Bedford Sealcoating over a \$4,000 per day bid from Nicom Sealcoating.

Though Genualdo suggested Bedford because its cost was fixed and the bid included flagging, selectman Tom Tombarello said he'd rather be giving traffic control work to the town's police officers.

The board will be waiting for further information from Bedford on its traffic control policies and for assurances that the bid price is fixed at \$10,000.

The highway department under Genualdo has not historically used police details for crack sealing, and when needed, relies on town or contractor employees.

• An update of fire

extinguishers in town buildings suggested by the Joint Loss Management Committee will be sent to applicable departments to see if they can find the money for the work. Joint Loss recently had Hampshire Fire Protection review its extinguisher inventory. The company came back with a \$665 proposal to replace and refill the units across town. Many extinguishers are replaced regularly, but some buildings have neglected those updates.

Selectman Brenda Copp suggested waiting on the proposal until later in the year because it wasn't specifically budgeted, but selectmen Tombarello and Jim Devine suggested doing the work on a building by building basis, depending on need.

Rain Doesn't Dampen Pen & Palette Awards

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Artist Mary Preble's annual Pen & Palette Awards ceremony usually has blue skies and sunny weather, but not this year. Sunday, June 3, dawned with leaden skies

that ranged from drizzle to serious rain. But this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd carrying umbrellas outside the Pasta Loft.

The 21st annual Pen and Palette Art Studio Student Art Show opened Sunday morning, with the award winners announced and the

group's works on display on the walls of the Pasta Loft.

This year Preble handed out two Portfolio Awards for especially hard work by the recipients, Jennifer Dufresne and Laura Samio-sette. Preble said four of her students will be going on to the Nationals for the Scholastic Art and Writing

competition. The four artists are: Maria Collie, Kaitlyn Jones, Tate Pinyochin, and, Rebecca Arinda.

The student works are pencil, pen and ink, pastel, scratch board and acrylic painting and sculpture. They are on display now through June 14 between 11 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.



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Editorial

Tell Us What You Think

This is the time of year when it both starts to slow down and to speed up.

After school finishes for the year and the graduates are sent on their way, we slip into the slower days of summer. Sure, there may be travel plans and gardening and houseguests, but there's also time to sit on the porch and relax.

And the speed up? We're in the midst of a Presidential election campaign, and the jabs and slams and downright attacks on the two candidates are only going to increase in the months from now until November. And that says nothing about what we can expect at state-level campaigns.

We'd like to use this period of slowing down - as we prepare for the period of speeding up - to invite our readers to write us, offering their views on the important election ahead - or other matters of concern - and please, leave out the attacks. Many readers have already begun to write, and we're pleased to see that happening.

But one thing we want to make crystal clear. We don't seek to "balance" the letters - i.e., we don't run two letters praising President Obama, for example, and then two letters praising

Romney, his presumptive opponent. We run what we get. And if that means three straight weeks of only pro-Democrat or only pro-Republican or nothing but thank-you letters for donations, that means those are the letters we have received, can verify and meet our publishing guidelines. If you don't see letters sharing your viewpoint, chances are that no one with that viewpoint has bothered to write.

The letters page is your page, and if it slants in one direction, thank (or don't) the readers who took the time to share their views with us in writing. The surest way to help rectify any perceived slant you might see is to write your own letter for publication. We aren't suggesting tit-for-tat letters, however, and we won't print personal attacks on letter writers.

The letters column reflects the viewpoints of our readers who want to share their opinions with their fellow residents, and don't need to hide behind anonymous blogs to do so. It's a way to get a dialogue going among residents, and to generate conversations about matters that impact all of us - politics is just the timely issue of the moment.

Tell us what you think. We're all waiting to read it.

Letters

Stop Littering

To the editor:

Our community would be a better place if we put a stop to littering. I think that littering is bad for Earth, and hurts plants and animals. Also, the world would be so much more peaceful if nobody littered.

A solution could be proudly displaying posters, or sharing this idea with friends and family. This could help spread the word. I believe that picking up trash often could help keep our earth healthy.

Katie Sambataro
Sandown

Time to Act

To the editor,

On May 22, I watched in complete disbelief as the Hampstead School Board finally asserted its statutory authority over the administration by categorically denying the latter's request to automatically replace departing Assistant Principal Jennifer Scarpato, on a 4-1 vote.

What a meeting! But in spite of all the emotion, the board got weak knees afterwards and decided to revisit the issue "when we have more information."

What more information does the Board need?

If the Board is serious about reducing the budget to match the declining enrollment, it must act now.

The golden opportunity handed to the School Board by Ms. Scarpato's resignation plus the eventual promotion of Middle School Assistant Principal Owen Harrington upon Principal Patti Grassbaugh's expected retirement, probably in June 2013, allows the elimination of two assistant principal positions without laying anyone off.

The effect on the budget will be immediate: the Board can reduce next year's budget by two staff positions.

These staff reductions are eminently justified, since next year's enrollments are projected to be even lower than the current 470 students at Central and 422 students at Middle - well below the 500-student threshold mandated by statute.

Hampstead is not alone. Manchester is laying off seven principals and two and one half assistant principals "in schools with less than 500 students," as reported last week.

The administration and school acolytes are having fits. We are told that complete chaos will befall Central School if the Assistant Principal is not replaced.

They argue that a replacement is mandatory - not discretionary - because 1) the position was budgeted, 2) the voters approved the budget and, therefore, 3) the position must be automatically filled.

Unfortunately, those arguments are contrary to statute.

The legislative body's authority is limited to the approval of the budget's bottom line only, since the voters do not have line item veto. Once approved, the school board may - not shall - lawfully spend, or not spend, any line item any way it sees fit, regardless of the vote of the legislative body.

The real motivation behind these doom and gloom statements is job preservation. Administrators and teacher unions see the declining student enrollment and concomitant elimination of teacher jobs nationwide and will fight to retain existing positions at all costs, whether needed or not.

Nationwide, the NEA is reporting a loss of 150,000 members over the past two years, and is projecting a further loss of more than 200,000 members over the next two years. The total reduction in revenue to the national union over the years 2010-2014 amounts to \$65 million - about one-sixth of its original budget. The NEA is in the process of "reorganizing" to meet the smaller income.

We'll find out on June 12 whether the Board will act decisively for the benefit of the taxpayers or submit once more to the yoke of the education establishment.

Jorge Mesa-Tejada
Hampstead

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Caretaker's Hut Burglarized

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - The caretaker's hut on the shores of Wason Pond was recently broken into and burglarized, according to police reports.

The current occupant, Harry Roberts, reported the break-in on May 17. Reported missing were numerous

tools, including a drill, circular saw, reciprocating saw, batteries, chargers, a hunting knife and flashlights.

Likely the theft occurred on the evening of May 18 when Roberts was away from the house for a few hours for a meeting.

The police are investigating the crime but as yet do not have any suspects.

Also recently burglarized was the town's transfer station, where copper piping and other metals were stolen.

Police chief Bill Burke said it's been a busy month for the department and pawning has been up, often an indicator of an increase in stolen items.



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Upper Room GED Graduates Commended at Ceremony

KAITLYN G. WOODS
Tri-Town Times

The Upper Room hosted an intimate graduation ceremony last week for students who completed the General Education Development (GED) program.

At the June 1 ceremony, graduates from Chester, Hampstead and Derry were congratulated for taking the initiative to complete their high school course work and were encouraged to maintain forward momentum.

"You're on the crest of a wave. Now you have had success, and you're on the surfboard, standing up, riding the wave into shore," Bill Foye, the director of Pinkerton Academy's Continuing Education (PACE) program, told graduates. "But eventually the wave will lose its momentum. Remember what this feels

like and think about what that next success will be that will refuel that momentum."

The Upper Room's 2012 GED graduates are Joseph Chubbuck, Michael Devine, Christopher Dunn, Thomas Frazer, Jessica Gallant, Jason Gerry, Stacey Gerry, Shawn Goodwin, Joshua Guthrie, Tayah Hobbs, Billie Jean Holt, Jacqueline Long, Rachel Makiej, Christopher McDonald, Anthony Murray, Joseph Munoz, Andrew Newman, Cameron Perry, Raymond Philbrick, Alyssa Robichaud, Riley Rushton, Alexander Suffreti, Keenan Walker, Cameron Waller, and Ryan Whorf.

Jessica Gallant, 18, who lives in Derry and is expecting a baby in a few months, said completing the GED program means she will be able to get a good job that provides for her child and will be able to help her child

get a good education. Galant hopes to secure employment providing care in a local nursing home.

Pinkerton Academy Associate Dean of Students Bill Patriquin told students that although they may have hit some bumps in high school, they have taken a big leap toward a successful future by completing their high school work.

"Don't lose that drive that motivated you to enroll in this program at The Upper Room," he said. "Continue to learn and to pursue education in the future."

Jacqueline Long, 18, of Derry said she has been working as an apprentice for a tattoo artist and plans to pursue post-secondary education for zoology.

Special awards were presented to Keenan Walker, Perfect Attendance; Billie



The Upper Room GED students are pictured in their Class of 2012 graduation photo last week.
Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Jean Holt, Distinguished Student; and Alex Suffreti, Student Scholar.

Suffreti, 17, of Derry, who had the highest score of all the graduates, said he plans to pursue a career in

auto body and mechanics with his GED.

"This means I'm one step closer to where I want to be," he said of graduating.

"It's a great day today," GED Program Coordinator

Brenda Guggisberg told the graduates. "To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. And this year you all applied yourselves in a way you never had before."

Revaluation

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the work and per its contract with the town, is set to oversee the process as a third party.

The last revaluation saw MRI overseeing Vision Appraisal Technology's work.

The oversight process will make sure the town is getting good work done, said Marsh.

Though some selectmen raised concerns about where the money was to be found in the budget this year for the process, the revaluation doesn't have to be completed until 2013, giving time for money to be allocated into the 2013 budget or asked for through a warrant article.

There will likely be future discussions about the tack to take on funding. As a revaluation is required by law every five years, the town could find itself in a difficult situation if voters

turn down a warrant article asking for funds, as that failed article would indicate that no such work can be performed until at least the next Town Meeting.

Similar concerns arose in 2008, but the warrant article passed voter muster.

Marsh, stating that the revaluation would cost between \$20 and \$25 per parcel, estimated its total purchase price to be between \$55,000 and \$70,000. Sandown has about 2,700 parcels.

Selectmen office manager Lynne Blaisdell suggested that in the future, it may behoove the town to set up a capital reserve fund to incrementally allocate funding over a period of years, rather than ask for it all in one chunk.

Selectmen approved moving forward with the RFP once Marsh eliminated vendors from the list that were no longer active. After bids come back, Marsh will

review them and make suggestions to the board.

Marsh said he and his boss, Joe Lessard, have 15 and 30 years of experience behind them respectively. That background will be used to make suggestions on appropriate bidders.

Though mandated revaluation is written into the state's constitution, the real enforcement of the measure began when the state had to abide by two Supreme Court rulings in the 1990s to provide and fund an adequate education.

In 1993, the Claremont School District, along with four other Districts in the state, challenged the state's method of financing education and won two favorable decisions.

To abide by those decisions the state has had to mandate the revaluations, partially as a way to make sure all properties within its jurisdiction are paying an equitable state education tax rate.

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Hampstead Selectmen Approve Recycling Recommendation

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The final step in the Town's new recycling regulation has been forged, with the Board of Selectmen's approving a requirement that stickers be purchased by residents who wish to put out more than

the allowable number of trash bags for curbside pick-up.

Recycling and Solid Waste Chairman Pat Bracken came before the board at its Thursday, May 31, meeting and said that after contacting surrounding towns to see how they handled similar situations, it became apparent

that towns and vendors did not approve of allowing exceptions to the set number of bags or barrels of trash a town allowed.

"It just muddies the water," Bracken said. "We recommend that the selectmen approve requiring people to obtain a sticker at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's

Office for additional bags of trash. Plaistow charges \$2, but I think \$1 would be sufficient. This provides residents with an alternative if they need it. Plaistow has recently reduced the number of bags/barrels of trash for curbside pick-up and requires stickers on any additional bags, and said during the first month, there were complaints but that has tapered off."

Selectman Rick Hartung said this method provides residents with a valid way of getting relief during the transition period. Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist added that a flier will be going out detailing what can and can't be recycled, and including all the trash and recycling rules.

Selectman Chair Sean Murphy questioned whether the \$1 would cover the cost of the stickers. The board voted 2 to 1 to approve the recommendation, with Murphy voting no.

There was a brief discussion about the state's Anti-Lit-

ter Law, which prohibits littering on public property, and Lindquist said she thought the Town also had an Anti-Litter Ordinance and asked Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen Sally Theriault to look it up. Murphy said the state law is clear and would give the town the means to deal with anyone who tossed extra trash. The littering issue was tabled until the next meeting to see what the Town has on the books.

The discussion ended with Bracken reminding the board and the general public that his committee is holding an Informational Night on June 21 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the recycling regulation, explain recycling dos and don'ts, and to field resident questions or complaints.

In other business:

• Conservation Commission Chairman Tim Lovell said his commission would be holding a public hearing June 5 regarding the purchase of a 40-acre parcel for

conservation. He also said the Conservation Commission is not interested in a small parcel that is surrounded on three sides by Camp Tel Noar property. The town proposes to put up that parcel for sale or auction.

• Murphy announced 400 dogs are apparently unlicensed in Hampstead, and their owners will be fined. As of June 20, owners of any dogs that have not been licensed or expunged from the Town records will face forfeiture of the animals. Those who have unlicensed dogs or who no longer have a dog that is on the rolls are urged to contact the Town Clerk and either license the dog or have the dog's name erased.

• The town has two openings for firefighters and received 34 applications. Two men were interviewed in non-public session by the board. Once all the paperwork is in place and approved, their names will be announced as new hires.

Chester Town Election Results

The results of the Chester Town Election on May 8 were inadvertently omitted from the May 17 edition, although they were posted online May 9 at www.nutpub.net.

The results are: 374 voters out of the 3,026 registered voters cast ballots. Winning the two open selectman seats were Jack Cannon, incumbent, 236 votes, and Richard LeBlanc, 170. They won out over Jamison Graham with 132 votes and Stephen D'Angelo with 116 votes.

Other results: Town

Moderator, Michael Scott: 335 votes; Trustee of the Trust Funds, Colin Costine, 312; Budget Committee, three seats for three years, Chuck Heuer, 268, and Rhonda Lamphere (no third candidate); Budget Committee, two seats for two years, Chris Hadik, 294, and Michael Branley, 265.

Also, Library Trustee, two seats, Barbara Cannon, 294, and Mary Ditoro, 279; Great Hill Cemetery Trustee, Penny Henderson, 333; Village Cemetery Trustee, David Mark Sanborn, 321; Wilcomb Townsend Trustee,

Lisa Oleson, 320.

Zoning Amendments: Amendment 1, To prohibit residential housing in C2, Yes: 165; No: 166 FAILED. Amendment 2, Conservation area clarifications, Yes: 227, PASSED; No: 106. Amendment 3, Addition to commercial district purpose, Yes: 240, PASSED; No: 94. Amendment 4, Clarification of permitting process, Yes: 245, PASSED; No: 89. Amendment 5, Maximum sign size, Yes: 221, PASSED; No: 115. Amendment 6, Fee schedule change, Yes: 220, PASSED; No: 114.

Hampstead Teen Arrested Twice in Two Weeks

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – A local teen was arrested for the second time in two weeks on May 25 at 7:30 a.m. at his Lewis Lane apartment. The first arrest was for a burglary at the Lewis Lane Apartments that took place on

May 13, and the second arrest was for being in possession of two stolen mopeds from a residence on Danville Road.

Bradley Bernier, 18, 6 Lewis Lane, Apt. 4, was arrested and charged with two counts of receiving stolen property and breach of bail conditions stemming from his

first arrest.

According to Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier, at 1:15 a.m. May 25, Officer Leo Beauchamp responded to 6 Lewis Lane for a noise and disturbing the peace complaint about people riding scooters. Frazier said Beauchamp found a group and told them to tone it

down but did not see any mopeds. Later that morning when he was getting off shift, he saw a report about the stolen mopeds from Danville Road, in the vicinity of Lewis Lane, and remembered the earlier call.

"Officer Beauchamp returned to 6 Lewis Lane and

interviewed Bernier, who lived there, and under some intensive questioning, Bernier admitted to having a stolen moped in his possession," Frazier said. "Under questioning, Bernier admitted to having a second stolen moped from a week earlier. He went and got the mopeds

from another room in his apartment and turned them over to Officer Beauchamp.

Beauchamp arrested Bernier, who was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail, with a June 18 court date in Plaistow District Court.

Feneberg

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reference to compensation and adding that compensation would be addressed in the future. The amendment passed and the board voted unanimously to appoint

Feneberg.

He will step in July 1 as Interim Superintendent until such time as the SAU 55 Board appoints a new superintendent. His compensation will be taken up at another meeting whose date has not yet been set.

Feneberg, contacted af-

ter the meeting, expressed pleasure at being appointed to the Interim Superintendent position. "I am pleased that the board entrusted me with that responsibility and I am looking forward to continuing the conversation and working with the board," he said.



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Committee Questions Project Design After Water Seeps into Swale

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Beach Committee met in an effort to decide what to do about water that appears to be backing up into the newly constructed swale at

the Town Beach. The swale was designed to reduce drainage and run-off issues.

According to Jon Worthen, committee member and Road Agent, it appears the water is seeping into the swale from the lake, indicating there might be something

wrong with the design. The committee decided to ask Town Engineer Nick Cricenti, whose firm designed the swale, to look at the situation and recommend what needs to be done to correct it.

Worthen made it clear it appears to be a design flaw

rather than anything the construction company did in installing it. “Bennett installed it as per the design,” he said.

The water being retained in the swale could become a health hazard, with stagnant water seeping to the surface.

The swale is supposed to conduct run-off and drainage down to the lake in such a fashion as to avoid the beach erosion problems that have existed there.

Work on Phase 2 of the Town Beach run-off and drainage project was set to

start Monday, Worthen said. He said the work will probably take two weeks, with some road closures and minor detours. Worthen said signs would be in place, and because of the number of roads in the area, it shouldn't be a major inconvenience.

Hampstead Officer on Administrative Leave to Work in Office

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Chief of Police Joseph Beaudoin advised the Board of Selectmen that he has decided to bring Officer Kathleen Boulter

into the Police Department office to do administrative work while she is on Administrative Leave with pay.

“I have to pay her and I prefer to have her in the office doing work for us,”

he said May 31.

Boulter was placed on Administrative Leave with pay as the result of a May 21 domestic incident. The Hampstead Police responded to the incident and then turned over the scene to the

State Police because one of its own officers was involved.

Beaudoin made it clear the issue is still under investigation by the State Police and the Attorney General's Office, but said no charges

have been filed by the State Police nor any restraining order taken out. He said the Hampstead Police don't know to what extent Boulter was involved in the incident.

Beaudoin said the department's needs were best

met by having Boulter working at administrative duties in the office while the report on the investigation is awaited. He said he would keep the Board of Selectmen informed of any developments.

Motorcyclist Seriously Injured in Route 111 Crash

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead Police Sgt. Rick Chambers and Officer Mark Conway responded to a 911 report of a motorcycle down on Route 111 just west of Little Mexico restaurant Wednesday, May 30, at about 10:15 p.m.

According to Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier, the officers found the motorcycle down on Route 111 but no sign of the operator. After a search of the immediate

area, they located the operator, Frank Kervin, 53, of Hampstead, about 40 feet from the motorcycle, which had crashed into the guard rail. He appeared to have been eastbound on Route 111.

“The officers reported that he was awake but bleeding profusely from a severe injury to his leg,” Frazier said.

Hampstead Fire and Rescue arrived along with Trinity ambulance, and the

call went out for a medical helicopter. Med Flight out of Boston was unavailable due to weather but the DART medical helicopter met Hampstead Rescue and flew Kervin to Massachusetts General Hospital in

Boston.

Frazier said Kervin was in the Intensive Care Unit in stable condition with serious lower extremity injuries.

“No other vehicles were involved and there was no

evidence that Kervin was trying to avoid something in the road, but we have not been able to interview him as yet so we don't know the cause of the accident,” said Frazier.

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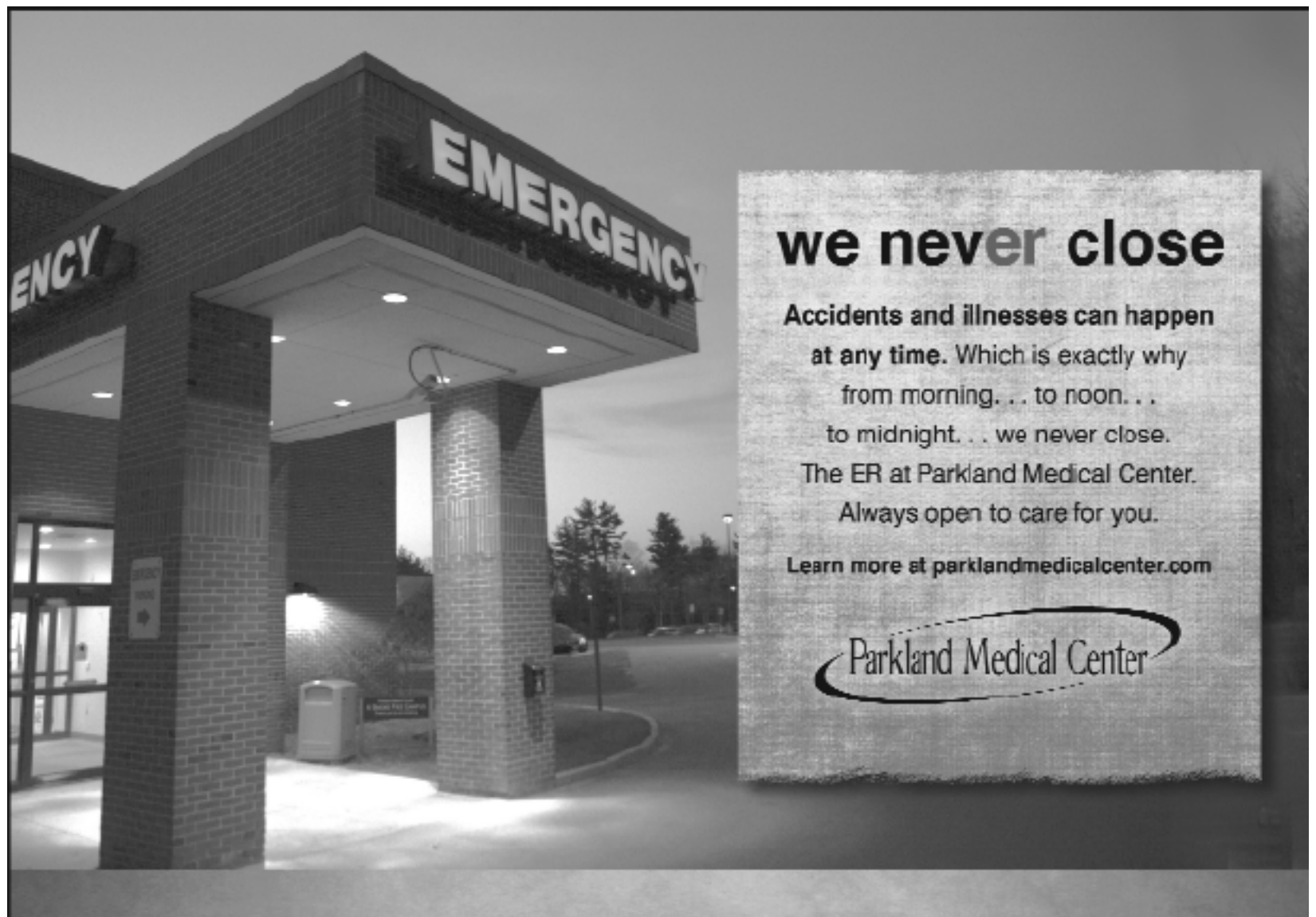
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Sandown North School Meetings Come to Rousing Conclusion

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Monday Morning Meeting is a weekly ritual at Sandown North School, but on Monday, June 4, the school community held its last one of the year. It was a longer meeting than normal but among regular activities, the kids were given time to share some of the work they had done through the year.

The meeting is a way for the kindergarten through third grade students to celebrate learning. They read poems, sing songs, show art, read books and get commendations for good work and behavior through the preceding week.

Though teachers, staff and especially principal Jo-Ann Georgian are behind the scenes for the whole meeting, the kids run it. This week's hosts were Connor Abood, Vivian Gurczak,

Madeline Zambrowicz and Arianna Mazur. The hosts invite students up to read a book or poem or show other examples of their good work. They also bring up the teachers to share their stories and on Monday, helped with thanking those parents and teachers who have gone out of their way to aid the school.

The meeting is often used to "roll out" new behaviors to be worked on through the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, but as it's the end of the school year, that activity wasn't part of Monday's meeting.

Students who behaved exceptionally well within PBIS, a system modeled to reinforce positive student behavior, were recognized, along with STAR readers.

The school also took time to recognize parent volunteers. It receives a lot of sup-

port from parents, and a few of those, including Parent Teacher Association president Dawn Mazur, volunteer coordinator Samantha Borbone and Heidi Chaput, were all thanked for their efforts.

Teachers who help keep Monday Morning Meetings and other school events running smoothly were thanked as well, including Nancy Stafford, Faith Emerson Abood, Zig Paszko, Debbie Lincoln, Susan Quigley, Laura McLaughlin and Helen Weymouth.

The younger students were treated to a few songs by older students from Central School, who work hard learning their instruments in the Timberlane Regional School District's band and strings program. Second through fourth grade students have a chance this month to sign up for the program, and North's kids got a chance Monday to see what kind of instruments they



Sandown Central School string players show off their skills to Sandown North students during North School's last Monday Morning Meeting of the year. Photo by Matt Rittenhouse

might choose from and what kind of songs and performances come with the territory. Band teacher Debbie Lincoln and string teacher Marjorie Nelson led their students through a few songs.

After the concert, some students who recently creat-

ed a lemonade stand within the school told their story.

And it was a big deal when the third graders sang the school's song for the last time, as they'll be moving on to Central School next year. Usually it's the whole school taking part in the song.

Georgian said the school's senior students had been looking forward to that moment.

The meeting concluded with a recitation of the school pledge and a stirring rendition of "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing."

Apartments

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employee turnover.

Marsh said the existence of an apartment might not necessarily mean that increased taxes were paid on a property, but others were concerned about moving forward with a solution if a taxpayer had been paying for years on an illegal addition.

Weider suggested that once the town identified questionable properties, it should undertake a process

of approval or disapproval similar to the process recently undertaken for home businesses. That process saw residents who had been operating permitless home businesses come before the planning board to obtain the correct permissions. While most of those businesses were allowed to continue, others that posed a concern to neighbors or the environment were disallowed.

Weider said he wasn't looking to penalize anyone, just to clean up the town's

property rolls.

Marsh said that going forward, it will be a relatively simple project to flag properties with new apartments, in order to send them on the building inspector/code enforcement officer, but looking back through old files would take time.

ZBA coordinator Janet Boyden suggested the town use the existing inventory system sent out to all homes, as had been done in the past. That survey asks numerous questions, including how many occupants a house has, how any

dogs, and what kinds of improvements had been made to the home in recent months.

It would give the town a place to start looking into the apartments, said Boyden.

Selectmen agreed to look into the system as a starting point for future investigations.

"It's not failsafe, but it's better than nothing," said selectman Jack Cannon.

Autonomous apartments have also been on the planning board's radar within the last year. Members had been hearing from resi-

dents who are concerned that the ordinance doesn't allow for in-law apartments. With an aging senior population and the current economy keeping college graduates at home, some residents want to expand their homes for their families.

Regulations allow for second bathrooms and living spaces, but not a second kitchen.

Historically, according to planning board member Andrew Hadik, the apartment restriction was meant to keep unregulated rental units from popping up across town.

In other business:

• Landau informed the

board that work to approve the engineering plan for Edwards Mill Dam was proceeding. He said he had received estimates that the area around the dam will have to be drained for four to six weeks at the end of summer to complete work on the dam.

Work approved this year will see the dam's concrete walls repaired, cribbing removed and a new drainage system installed.

• Selectmen administrative assistant Pat Martin was appointed as the town's welfare administrator. Martin has been doing the work for years but did not have the official title.

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Chester Traditions

Ed and Patty Stuart peruse some of the many herbs for sale at the Rockingham Herb Society's annual plant sale inside Stevens Memorial Hall in Chester on Saturday morning. Across the street, the Chester Congregational & Baptist Church celebrated its annual June Jubilee, with book, yard and antique sales, as well as a chicken, pulled pork and rib barbecue. At left, Charlie Lindsey prepares some of his "famous" Virginian barbecued chicken.

Photos by Chris Paul



PENNY DRIVE Lisa Michaud, Chief Communications External Relations Officer for the Concord branch of the American Red Cross, visited Hampstead Academy recently to accept a donation from the fifth grade Penny Drive. The fifth grade organized a penny drive at school and raised \$655 to help survivors of the nation's spring tornadoes. Pictured from left are Lisa Michaud; Carter Smith, fifth grade; and Jodie Leen, fifth grade teacher.

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Hampstead, Sandown Parents Invited to Serve on Screening Committee

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

The search for a new Superintendent for the Hampstead/Timberlane School Districts is in full swing, and invitations are being issued to target groups to be part of the process of screening candidates.

Letters of invitation are being distributed to parents of Timberlane and Hampstead students, teachers in the Timberlane and Hampstead

schools, the School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 staff, and the Timberlane and Hampstead school administrators. The Timberlane district covers Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson and Danville.

The Screening Committee will consist of five SAU 55 board members, four administrators from the two districts, two teachers from the two districts, one SAU 55 staff person, one parent from the Hampstead School District and one parent from the

Timberlane School District.

Anyone interested in being considered for the committee must contact Rob Collins by email at robcollins89@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, June 13. Committee service includes several evening meetings. The email should have "Screening Committee - Parents" - and either Hampstead or Timberlane - in the subject line.

Collins said in the invitation letter, "While the

(SAU 55) Board has the sole authority to appoint the superintendent, it wishes to have the benefit of input from a Screening Committee made up of various members of the community and schools. The Screening Committee will review applications, interview candidates and recommend several candidates for further consideration."

The first meeting of the Screening Committee is tentatively scheduled for the

first week in July. At that meeting, Ken DeBenedictis, the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) consultant working with SAU 55 in its search for a new superintendent to replace Richard La Salle, will lead a training workshop and assist in reviewing applications and in selecting candidates the committee wishes to interview.

At a second meeting that same week, the interview schedule, agenda and ques-

tions for interviewing candidates will be developed. In subsequent meetings, Collins said the Screening Committee would likely interview between eight and 10 candidates "who best meet the profile that has been established for the superintendent position. At the conclusion of the interviews, the Screening Committee will recommend three to five candidates for further consideration by the SAU 55 Board," he added.

Hampstead Eighth Grade Salutes Memorial Day

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Hampstead Middle School eighth graders saluted Memorial Day with an assembly that included student essays and guest speaker State Rep. Regina Birdsell, R-Hampstead, a retired member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The assembly opened with the Posting of the Colors by members of Hampstead Boy Scout Troop 33, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joey Dumais. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Jake Hudgins, Samantha Farrell,

Taylor Watts, Jessica Greene, Jessie Siegwalt, Danielle Kuhl, Jolie Nadeau and Lexi DiTrapano.

Matt Wolenski read a greeting from Congressman Frank Guinta, R-1st Dist. NH, and several eighth graders read essays written on "America the Beautiful." Danielle Kuhl chose Ground Zero, and said she found it to be a "place of passion, love and comfort" as well as a "place of remembrance," bringing people together.

Jake Hudgins chose to write about the Lincoln Memorial and the reflecting pool. He wrote the air brought him a taste of histo-

ry and said he could feel the spirit of his forefathers. He wrote about his love of water and its ability to reflect, and said in the pool, he caught a glimpse of the history of America and experienced the "silence of the soul."

CJ Lacreta wrote about Independence Hall, where he described the thrill of walking down the same halls his forefathers walked on their journey to creating freedom. He said he could smell the scent of a country being born.

Emily Cambra wrote of visiting the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. She described the thrill of seeing a rainbow over the graveyard and having the sense that this was more than a cemetery - it was as a symbol of Ameri-



Members of the HMS Chorus sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the school's Memorial Day Salute.
Photo by Penny Williams

ca's struggle for freedom. Birdsell said her decision to join the Coast Guard was shaped in part by her

observance of how badly Vietnam veterans were treated. She also chose the Coast Guard because of its mission to save lives.

Birdsell described her most memorable Memorial Day experience as being with her mother at Quantico after her father had died and seeing the rows of

gravestones stretching off to the horizon.

"It made me realize that veterans from World War I are buried there and it brought home why we celebrate Memorial Day," she said. "I swore to never allow our military members to be treated as the Vietnam soldiers were."

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Hampstead Academy DI Team Comes in 12th at Globals

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Going to Global Finals for Destination Imagination teams is a triumph and a testament to

the skills and ingenuity of the team members, and it is also an achievement in and of itself.

At Globals in Knoxville, Tenn., this year, the Hampstead Academy team of sev-

enth and eighth graders came in 12th out of 78 teams in their division.

This is the second time this team has made it to the Global Finals in the improv challenge in the past four

years.

This year the team placed first at both the regional and state finals.

Team members are eighth graders Zach Miller, Morgan Copani, and Connor Capozzi, and seventh graders Jack Lawlor and Rachel Fonseca. Coaches were Suzanne Miller and Donna Copani.

The global competition consisted of two parts, an Instant Challenge, where

they had 5 minutes to solve a challenge they had never seen before, and a team challenge.

"They were competing against teams from all over the U.S., as well as from Brazil, Guatemala, China, Korea and many other countries," Suzanne Miller said. "The kids worked very hard preparing for the challenge, and it showed."

The team members and the coaches take this activi-

ty seriously and commit a great deal of time and energy to it. Miller said the team began preparing in November.

"As a coach, I feel that it is very important that they not only succeed at their challenge, but that they enjoy themselves while doing it," said Miller. "The kids were laughing and having a ball throughout their entire challenge."



The Hampstead Academy Destination Imagination Team placed 12th out of 78 teams in their division at the Global Finals. Pictured are team members Zach Miller, Morgan Copani, Connor Capozzi, Jack Lawlor and Rachel Fonseca. *Courtesy photo*

New England College Agrees to Admit Chester College Students

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Chester College of New England's closing is going according to the book, its trustees said this week.

When Chester College of New England trustees pulled the plug on the school last month, it was facing a nearly \$2 million shortfall going into the coming school year. The school had been struggling with money troubles for years and despite best efforts, said trustees, there was no way to save it. Students, staff and faculty tried feverishly to raise enough money to save the school in the month before its closure, but the gap was just too big. When the decision was made to close, just 35 new students had regis-

tered; the school needed at least 65 to try to keep the doors open.

The small liberal arts institution holds a large physical place in the center of town, and some residents have been concerned about the next steps for those buildings. There have reportedly been discussions between the college's president, former Manchester mayor Bob Baines, and the banking institution that holds the mortgage to decide how to move forward, but no decisions have been made. Talks are preliminary at this point, said trustees.

Trustee Craig Ahlquist said that as long as the college was in possession of the property, it would be well taken care of.

Before shutting its doors, Chester College came to an

agreement with New England College in Henniker to provide a place for students who found themselves without a school. That transfer process is continuing, but how many students will decide to attend New England College is unknown.

New England College additionally agreed to handle Chester's alumni programs and memorialization of the school, which Faith Preston founded as White Pines College in 1965.

The Henniker college has also agreed to hire a small number of Chester faculty and has interviewed staff members for open positions.

New England College is also holding open house days this month specifically for Chester's students to visit and learn more.

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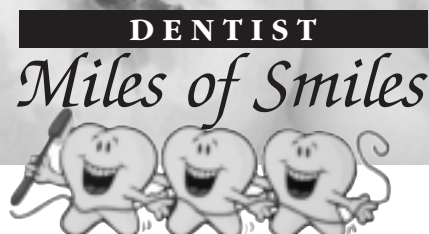


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A Bittersweet Journey Brings Peace to Davines

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Howard and Julie Davine recently traveled to Dubai, searching for memories of their son Ben, who had died miles from home. They wanted to meet Ben's friends, see where he lived and worked, and in so doing, find Ben in a private, personal way.

And they especially wanted to attend the softball tournament whose organizers planned to recognize Ben, who had taken part in the event the previous four years. The trophy for the home run derby winner was dedicated in Ben's name.

Ben Davine enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 2002, served five years as a fire protection expert with a deployment to Iraq, and earned his parachuting wings before his discharge in 2007. He was also a member of the Air Force Semi-Professional Softball Team.

He was trained in combat control operations and fire protection, and was

employed as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in Kuwait by ITT Systems K-BOSSS (Kuwait Base Operations and Security Support Services). He previously worked in the same capacity for Combat Support Services.

Davine, 27, with just a week to go before coming home, succumbed Aug. 3, 2011 to injuries sustained in an accident in Kuwait, in which his vehicle and a fuel tanker collided as he was on his way to work. He had just received a job offer from Florida and was to come home for a weekend of rest before going to Cocoa Beach to start his new job.

Howard Davine also traveled to Kuwait to visit the U.S. Army base where Ben worked as a civilian. He said it was important to visit where his son had worked, meet his commanding officer and his friends, and try to understand Ben's life. He was overcome with emotion when they showed him a

memorial wall they had maintained for Ben.

"That moment was worth the whole trip," he said. "It was important to me to know and understand how Ben lived, where he lived and worked, who he worked with and what he did."

Davine left Kuwait feeling closer to his son and with a clearer picture of what his life had been. At the tournament in Dubai, he received a replica of the Home Run Derby trophy, and the organizers and participants in the tournament embraced him, as well as Ben's stepmother, and younger sister, Yasmine Malki. Ben's other sister, Meredith, was unable to accompany them because of her pregnancy.

"The things they did in memory of Ben were overwhelming and extremely emotional," Julie Davine said. "Being called to the field and up to home plate to take Ben's place was almost more than Howard could cope with, but he was



Yasmine Malki and Howard and Julie Davine are shown at a Dubai softball tournament. Howard is wearing his late son Ben's team shirt, and a tattoo of Ben on his right arm is visible.
Courtesy photo

so very deeply touched.

"It was a trip of healing on many levels," she continued. "Many of those we met are planning to come here and some will come for the Ben Davine Memorial Golf Tournament slated for Aug. 6 at the Atkinson Country Club. The proceeds from the tournament will go to the Wounded Warrior Foundation. Ben would

have approved of that."

"I guess it was all the years of listening to him talk about places, people and activities and then actually being there that was just amazing," Howard said. "We could see why he totally loved the city of Dubai. Ben loved family and friends – that is what he was all about, and he always wanted everybody to be happy. Before going there it was hard for us to understand why he chose to live so far away, but when we actually went there, it was easy to understand. He had

brought people together there and created a family of friends. We were amazed to find that his many friends were as emotional about his loss as we were."

The trip brought a measure of peace to the Davines. They said they had felt lucky with the support from the people of Hampstead and neighboring towns during Ben's funeral, but felt something was missing, and the trip to Dubai and Kuwait was the answer.

"I am so glad we went," he said. "And, we know Ben is too."

Superintendent Search Focus Groups Continue

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Seeking as much input from as many invested sources as possible, the School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 Board reminds residents of the remaining community focus group meetings.

The Hampstead School Board Chairwoman Judy Graham told the Board of Selectmen about focus groups for seniors, another for elected officials and interested community members, and for parents of stu-

dents. These focus groups are open to residents of the towns served by the Hampstead/Timberlane School Districts - Hampstead, Plaistow, Sandown, Atkinson and Danville.

The remaining focus group – for parents of students in the SAU towns - is Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow.

The focus group for senior citizens from all the towns was Wednesday, June 6, at the Vic Geary Center in Plaistow at 3 p.m., and was at 7 p.m. that day at the

high school for elected officials and residents.

The SAU 55 Board is hopeful that members of the communities will give input on what competencies, characteristics and goals the new superintendent should embody. The input from all the focus groups will be compiled and a report made available to the SAU 55

Board members to help them frame a profile for the new superintendent. Current superintendent Richard La Salle has resigned effective June 30.

The Focus Groups are run by the NESDEC – New England School Development Council - consultants who are handling the search for the new superintendent.



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Young Clothing Designer Plans Local Fashion Show



Noelle Goyette, 10, of Sandown is headed into a budding career as a fashion designer. She visited New York City with her father to talk about her interest in fashion design and attended fashion shows in the Big Apple. Now she is planning a fashion show of her own creations.

*Photo by
Penny Williams*

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Although Noelle Goyette is 10 years old, she has already been recognized by established fashion designers as a future talent in the industry.

Noelle comes complete with business card and sketch book. She was invited to attend a series of fashion shows at Lincoln Center in New York City, and brought and modeled the dress she had designed and that her parents had made by Annie the Sewing Machine of Sandown.

"I designed the dress in December," Noelle said. "I

thought of it in my head and my dad said if it was a good design, they would have it made, and they did."

Noelle's dad, Ed Goyette, wrote to Michelle Smith about his daughter's interest in fashion design, and as one thing led to another, an invitation to a fashion show arrived, and Noelle was invited to attend other fashion shows during the three-day event.

"I really like fashion a lot," she said. "I like drawing and putting those two together, I get fashion designs. I took my sketch book with me of my other designs, and several designers really liked what I had

drawn. One designer said that my sketches could really be turned into real dresses."

"Going to the fashion shows was the most fun," she added. "My dad and I bought some material and I plan to design more dresses."

Her business card reads N R G Designs and says her "fun, elegant, creative and strong clothing for girls will be coming in the spring of 2013." But she isn't waiting until next year. She is busily planning a fashion show of her own to benefit an animal shelter.

"The show will be animal themed and I hope to

do it at Hampstead Middle School, and the models will be friends," Noelle said. "I like animals a lot, and the animal theme for fashion will work." She hopes to stage the show in the near future.

Noelle said she plans to design all the dresses for her fashion show and already has one done. Her hope is to be able to have six newly designed dresses ready for the show.

Also on her busy fashion-oriented agenda is a possible return to the Big Apple to spend a day at the studio of Norisol and Ferrari for a tour.

Request from 2006 Back at Hampstead Planning

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Six years later, the Paul Maida subdivision lot line change case at 116 Eagle Road is still not at an end. Nothing has changed, but because of the lapse of time, the transfer of two small parcels and the subsequent lot line changes have to be approved again.

Surveyor James Lavelle of Lavelle & Associates presented Maida's request for approval of the transfer and lot line changes to the Planning Board Monday night, almost six years after the

final Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) hearing on the case. The two proposed transfers, one of 366 square feet and the other of 880 square feet, are from abutter Howard Chandler to Paul and Sandra Maida.

The Planning Board found this to be confusing and new. They wanted several notes added to the plan that Lavelle agreed to, and wants to review the ZBA and Planning Board minutes from previous hearings in 2005 and 2006 before reaching a decision. The hearing was continued to July 16.

In November of 2006,

the time of the final ZBA hearing, the Maidas had been trying to get their property through the Planning Board and Zoning Board process for more than a year. The November 2006 ZBA hearing approved expansions to their ranch house that had been done in 2005 without a permit, and which had unleashed the long chain of events.

At that November 2006 hearing, the ZBA noted the request for approval was for a deck and an addition to the ranch house, and had already been completed.

Code Enforcement Officer Kris Emerson had discovered the work being done to the property at 116 Eagle Road without a permit late in the summer of 2005, and the Maidas had come before the ZBA on Nov. 3, 2005 asking for a special exception for construction of the deck and replacement entryway.

At that time, the Maida property was found to be in violation of several town ordinances and regulations, among them having two residences on an undersized lot, buildings too close to

the lot lines, and confusion over whether the second residence was a camp or a garage.

Throughout 2005 and 2006, the ZBA and Planning Board resolved the various problems. The lot line violations at the garage and the septic system across the road were corrected with the transfer of land from abutter Chandler, and the camp/garage was gutted and returned to garage-only status. That left only the cease and desist order in force on the ranch house for the unpermitted work.

The ZBA ruled on Nov. 2, 2006 that the construction projects were approved retroactively, subject to electrical and plumbing inspections that require removal of interior walls.

However, Maida never followed up on the approvals, and now, six years later, is back at the Planning Board to get its approval of the transfer of land parcels and the lot line changes so the plan and deed can be registered. Chandler has since died, but his wife, who lives in Atkinson, was present at the Planning Board hearing on Monday night to affirm the transfer of land.

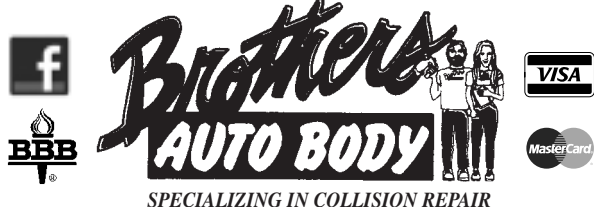
The land transfer and removal of an el from the garage allowed the garage setback to be 12 feet from the lot line, which had previously virtually bisected the garage. The other land transfer across the road allowed the lot line to be moved so it no longer crosses the Maida septic system.

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TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS

CHESTER

Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on the following Thursdays - June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16 - from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain dates are June 28, July 26 and Aug. 23). The dates coincide with Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.

Preschool Lottery

The Chester School District offers a multi-aged preschool program for the 2012-2013 school year, with programming to typically developing students at a tuition rate. The program begins Sept. 4 and ends on the last day of school, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Students who are 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 30, 2012 are eligible. For typically developing students, two options are offered - Tuesdays through Thursdays for \$2,100, and Tuesdays through Fridays for \$2,800. The district has a lottery for the eligible spots and expects to have four slots for 3-year-olds and four for 4-year-olds. To be part of the lottery, contact the school at 887-3621, ext. 146 with name, child's name and date of birth, and preference for three or four days. Lottery deadline is June 29.

Storytimes

Storytimes at Chester Public Library are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. They are geared for children ages 3 to 5, and Mr. Tim will read stories and teach crafts. The Library is at 3 Chester St., next to the Post Office. For more information, call 887-3404.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or e-

mail: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Chester Dancers

The spring performance of the Chester Dancers will be presented in the Multi-purpose Room of Chester Town Hall on June 9. with performance times at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This year's ballet performances center around the magical birds in ballets. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Further information is available at www.chesterdancers.org or email: chesterdancers@comcast.net

Scarecrow Pick Up

The Scarecrows of Chester have arrived at the Historical Society Museum. They have been cut out by Sylvia Anderson; painted by Jackie Brown, Judy Pepper and Alexandra Hadik; sewn and ironed by Diane Methot; turned inside out by Jean Methot and have had their bodies made by Don Brown. Pick up starts when the museum is open on the second Saturday of June, July and August from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September will be the month to construct the characters to be on display by Oct. 1. If the pickup time is not convenient, call Jackie Brown at 887-3842 to arrange a time or to order for 2013. This is a fund raiser for the Chester Historical Society.

Historical Society Program

The Chester Historical Society presents "The Other Side of the Midnight Ride" at 7 p.m. June 11 at Stevens Memorial Hall. The free program is paid in part by the historical society and a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and tells Rachel Revere's story of tea, trouble and revolution. Refreshments will be served.

Vacation Bible School

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church invites children to attend its Vacation Bible School (VBS) program this summer, titled "Sky: Everything is Possible with God!" It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 16 through 20 at the church, 4 Chester St.,

and is open to ages preschool through entering sixth grade. Indoor and outdoor activities include games, snack, crafts, music and singing, and Bible stories. The program is free, but registration is required. A closing celebration is set for Friday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m., with lunch provided. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.

HAMPSTEAD

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 9058 of Hampstead sponsors a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, June 15, from 1 to 6 p.m. at St Anne's Church, Emerson Avenue. For more information, contact Pat Bracken at 329-4356.

Clothing Donations

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation is in need of lightly used clothing and small household items. The group will collect donations door to door in Hampstead on Thursday, June 14. To schedule a pick-up, call 1-800-483-5503 or email: donate@bbbsfoundation.org. All donations benefit Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programs in the community, and are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.bbbsfoundation.org.

Democrats

The Hampstead Democrats meet from 6 to 8 p.m. June 25 at the Hampstead Library. Guest speaker will be Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jackie Cilley of Barrington, who previously served one term as a State Representative and two terms as a State Senator.

Fall Soccer

The Hampstead Civic Club fall soccer registration can be completed online at www.hampsteadcivicclub.com by clicking on Fall Soccer to be redirected to the registration website. Registration deadline is midnight Saturday, June 30. The program is open to Hampstead residents between the ages of 4 and 17 as of Sept. 30, 2012.



SCOREBOARD DEDICATION The new scoreboard at the Veterans Memorial Gym in Hampstead has been installed to replace the decades-old one. The Greater Hampstead Civic Club sponsored the drive for a new scoreboard and the primary donors, Dr. Doug Goumas of New Hampshire Orthopedics and Kevin Crump of Small World Wireless, were joined by other members of the Civic Club, President Mark Casey, and member Dano Anderson as well as representatives of frequent gym user groups, Russ Evans, commissioner of the Over 40 Men's Basketball League; member Ken Gelinas, sponsor coordinator, and member Ken Fure, along with Kim Colbert, chairwoman of the Hampstead Recreation Commission, and Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist for a formal dedication Friday evening, May 25.

Photo by Penny Williams

Cost is \$40 for U6 and U8, \$50 for U10 and up, with a \$10 discount for three or more children. For questions, email: Hampstead-CivicSoccer@comcast.net.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Island Pond Baptist

Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Road, holds Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Gold Rush: Discovering the Rock of Ages!" from June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Games, crafts, snacks, lessons, and music are featured. All kids ages 4 through sixth grade are welcome. To register, visit www.islandpondbc.org and click on Vacation Bible School, or call the church office at 329-5959. VBS Family Fun Night is Thursday, June 28, from 6 to 8

p.m., featuring snacks and inflatables.

Class Opening

The Hampstead School District is accepting applications for Fall 2012 enrollment in the Hampstead Inclusionary Preschool, known as TEECH (Transdisciplinary Early Education Class in Hampstead), held at Hampstead Central School. The program has openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday-Thursday morning class. There is a cost for the program and parents must provide transportation. Tuition-paying students do not have to live in Hampstead. For more information, to observe the program or register, call Fran Baumhor at Hampstead Central School, 329-6326, ext. 6.

Cut-A-Thon

On June 18, the Hampstead PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) will host a Beautiful Lengths Cut-A-Thon at Hampstead Central School. Sign-ups are recommended. Requirements are: hair must be at least 8 inches in length; free of permanent color, bleach or other chemical treatments such as Japanese straightening; and no more than 5 percent gray. Visit www.pantene.com/BeautifulLengths

for details. For all of those interested in this event, including hairdressers who are interested in volunteering, contact Michelle Packowski at 819-3859 or spackowski@comcast.net.

Adult Storytime

The Hampstead Public Library offers Adult Storytime on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m., with a book and a craft. The program is designed for developmentally disabled patrons, but all adults are welcome. No sessions will be held in July and August.

Needlework Socials

Hampstead Public Library hosts Needlework Socials on Friday, June 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. No sign-up is necessary. Bring a current project and share your interest with others in a relaxed setting.

Allergies and Asthma

"Allergies and Asthma: Conditions, Causes and Natural Treatments" will be presented by Dr. Matt Swiesz of Swiesz Family Chiropractic at the Hampstead Public Library on Thursday, June 14, at 6:45 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading

The Hampstead Public

Happenings

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Library will offer a summer reading program for adults starting June 25, with the theme of “Between the Covers.” The library will also have a Film Noir movie fes-

tival, featuring classics from the genre. By checking out materials or coming to the library for events, adults will be eligible to win prizes that include books and gift cards. No registration or tracking of reading time is necessary to participate.

Paws to Read

Johnny Claude the listener dog will be at the Hampstead Public Library on Monday, June 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. He is a certified therapy dog who loves to listen to kids read, tell stories, or act out a book. Set

up a 15-minute session with Johnny Claude by signing up at the library’s front desk or calling 329-6411. Adults are also welcome to visit with him.

Babysittter Training

The Hampstead Public Library is hosting a Babysit-

ter’s Training course on Tuesday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required at 329-6411 or pfalconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us. The American Red Cross Babysitter Training combines video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion, and teaches youth how to respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid and rescue breathing, make decisions under pressure, communicate with parents to learn household rules, recognize safety and hygiene issues, manage young children, and feed, diaper and care for infants. Cost is \$40. Closing date for registration is June 18.

Spring Tea

Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Road will host a free Ladies’ Spring Tea on Saturday, June 16, from noon to 2:30 pm., with singing, prayer, games, fellowship and a drawing. A lunch and desserts will be served. Call the church office at 329-5959 if interested in attending. For more information, visit www.islandpondbc.org.

Summer Reading

Kids can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Hampstead Public Library starting June 19 at 1 p.m. They will be able to choose teams, and begin tracking their reading time. This summer, the theme is “Dream Big – Read!” and events will include a magician, stargazing, creatures of the night, musical performances, and a climbing wall. Participants will be eligible to win prizes.

Book Groups

On Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m., the Non-Fiction Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will discuss “Paul Revere’s Ride” by David Hackett Fischer. On June 21 at 1 p.m., the Third Thursday Book Group will discuss “The Paris Wife: a novel” by Paula McLean. Copies of the books are available at the library’s front desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Ice Cream Social

The Hampstead Mothers’ Club Ice Cream Social kicks off the summer season on Wednesday, June 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at

Hampstead Central School. Sundaes are \$3 each and will feature a variety of toppings.

Strawberry Festival

The Hampstead Congregational Church hosts its Strawberry Festival and craft fair on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters, children’s games, a plant table, baked goods, a lunch, and strawberry shortcake are featured at the church, 61 Main St.

Summerfest Crafters

Crafters and artists are sought for the St. Anne Summerfest, to be held Saturday, July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage car show, games for all ages, food and bake sales, bounce tent, obstacle course, live entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. Spaces are 10- by- 10-feet (no chairs or tables provided) and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space. More information and an application are at www.saintannechurchnh.org (click on “Summerfest” at the top, then “Craft and Art Booths”), or contact Claire Manes at 642-3250 from 9 am. to 9 p.m.

Red Sox Tickets

Hampstead’s Baseball and Softball Association is selling raffle tickets at one for \$10 or three for \$20 for four tickets to the Red Sox vs. Yankees game July 8 in section 165 row MM. The winner will be picked at the end of the association’s season. Contact Mike Fairbank at mpmbfairbank@msn.com or 617-462-6827 for tickets. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the improvements at the fields and a new scoreboard at Holiday Lane.

Compost Bins

The Hampstead Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has again obtained compost bins for residents. The compost bins are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$47. For more information, contact Tina Harrington at 329-4100, ext. zero.

Soccer Club

The Hampstead Soccer Club Hurricanes is taking online registration at www.hampsteadsoccerclub.org

Annual Notification of Rights Under FERPA For The Hampstead School District

FERPA: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School District receives a request for access.**
Parents or eligible students should submit to the building principal or the principal’s designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The building principal or his/her designee will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.**
Parents or eligible students may ask the School District to amend a record generated by the School District that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the building principal or his/her designee, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their rights to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. If the parents request a hearing, it shall be conducted by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
- The right to consent, or to deny consent, to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorized disclosure without consent.**
One exception, which permits disclosure without consent of a parent or eligible student, is disclosure to “school officials with a legitimate educational interest.” The terms “school official” and “legitimate educational interest” are defined in the appendix to this notice. The School District may disclose without consent “directory information” which is information not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes:

Name and address of the student	Most recent previous school attended	Date of attendance, degrees and awards
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Parents may request, in writing to the building principal, that the School District refrain from making all or some of this directory information on their child available to the public. Upon request, the School District discloses education records without consent to officials of a school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA**
The Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independent Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202-4605

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY ON DISCLOSING STUDENT RECORDS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS WITH A LEGITIMATE EDUCATIONAL INTEREST

The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1973 (FERPA), 20 U.S. Code Section 1232g, and the U.S. Department of Education’s implementing regulations, 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 99, generally prohibit school districts from disclosing personally identifiable educational records on students without prior written parental consent. However, these laws include several exceptions. One of those exceptions allows school districts to disclose personally identifiable educational records to “school officials with a legitimate educational interest” without obtaining parental consent.

The U.S. Department of Education’s FERPA regulations require that a school district specify the criteria that the district used for determining who is a school official and what constitutes an educational interest.

The Hampstead School District has adopted the following criteria.

- The following are “school officials”:**
 - Employees of the School District, including but not limited to:
 - Building principals, assistant principals, and other school district administrators.
 - Classroom teacher(s).
 - Special education staff members.
 - Related services personnel.
 - Paraprofessionals.
 - Other instructors.
 - Guidance staff personnel.
 - Nursing staff.
 - School psychologists and evaluators.
 - Special education team members.
 - Employees assigned to maintain records.
 - Secretarial and clerical staff assisting any of the above.
 - Other support staff (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel)
 - Employees of NH School Administrative Unit 55 (SAU 55), including but not limited to:
 - The Superintendent of Schools.
 - The Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
 - The Director of Special Education.
 - The Business Administrator.
 - School psychologists and evaluators.
 - Special education team members.
 - Employees assigned to maintain records.
 - Secretarial and clerical staff assisting any of the above.
 - Employees of Southeastern Regional Education Service Center (SERESC), including, but not limited to:
 - The Executive Director.
 - Psycho educational staff and evaluators.
 - Placement coordinators.
 - Program directors.
 - Individuals and organizations under oral or written contract with the School District, the SAU, or SERESC, who are providing services or advice related to the education of one or more students of the School District, or who are performing a special task, including but not limited to evaluators, consultants, auditors, attorneys, experts, and therapists.
 - Appointed and elected officials of the school District, including but not limited to school board members.
 - Individuals and entities assisting the School District in legal matters, including but not limited to insurance brokers, insurance agents, insurance companies, insurance adjusters, claims representatives, legal counsel for the school district, expert witnesses, and experts consulted to provide the school district’s legal team with advice.
 - A parent or student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
- A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Examples include:**
 - Matters related to the provision of services to one or more students, supervising services, selecting services, evaluating services, funding services, and budgeting for services.
 - Evaluating, assessing, or monitoring one or more students.
 - Disciplining one or more students.
 - Governance and administration of the school district.
 - Legal matters involving the school district or any students in the school district.

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eteamz.com/hampsteadsoccer. Those who wish to register in person can do so at the Hampstead Civic Club from 6 to 8 p.m. June 5. Try-outs and skill assessments will be held at the Depot Road Fields on June 12 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. For questions, contact Julie Ahern at yaggar125@aol.com or 382-

8010, or Dan Jendrick at d.jendrick@hotmail.com.

SANDOWN

Lions Yard Sale

The Sandown Lions Club is accepting donations for its 18th annual Yard Sale/Flea Market, set for June 30, rain or shine, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sandown Town Hall. A portion of the proceeds will be used for a scholarship to be awarded

to a graduating senior from Sandown and/or Danville for the 2012-2013 school year. To make donations, call project chairman Kathi Soule at 974-0547. Pickup can be arranged. No computers, peripherals, TVs or clothing can be accepted.

Afternoon Movie

Sandown Public Library presents the movie "One for the Money," based on the

Stephanie Plum books by New Hampshire resident Janet Evanovich, on Monday, June 11, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Sandown Public Library, the Books & Bites book group will discuss "Interred with Their Bones" by Jennifer Lee Carrell. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Father's Day Card

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Sandown Public Library, children ages 9 and up are invited to create a handmade Father's Day card using basic origami techniques. Registration for this class is required; call 887-3428 to register.

Rockin' Readers Book Club

Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to join

the Rockin' Readers Book Club on Wednesday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. The group will discuss "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. A snack follows the discussion.

Preschool Story Hours

Preschool story hour sessions continue Tuesdays throughout June at the Sandown Public Library. An hour of stories, music, poet-

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ry, and crafts with Miss Jenn is offered. Two sessions are held each week, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Chess Club

The Sandown Public Library Chess Club with chess master Monty Cole meets Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to play. No experience is needed.

Band & Strings Sign-Ups

Current second through fourth graders at Sandown are invited to sign up now for a band or string instrument for next year. Any child already playing a band or string instrument is automatically signed up for next year. Band and string instruments are available for current third and fourth graders. Only string instruments (violin, viola & cello) are available for current second graders. Sign up at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center in Plaistow on Saturday, June 9, at 8 a.m.; Monday, June 11, at 5 p.m.; or Tuesday, June 12, at 5 p.m. At sign-ups, children will try at least three different instruments and sign up for band or strings. No fall sign-ups take place. Experienced instrumentalists and instructors will be available to help parent and child with their decision. Instruments offered are: violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, alto saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone and percussion. Once the children have chosen their instrument, they are given the opportunity to rent an instrument. Three beginning lessons are offered at a reduced rate on June 18, 19, 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Session 1) or 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, email: Deborah.Lincoln@timberlane.net.

Sandown GOP

The Sandown Republican Committee will host Rockingham County Sheriff Mike Downing on Wednesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main St. (Route 121A). Downing will provide an update on public safety and

law enforcement services for the citizens and businesses in the county. The event is free and all are encouraged to attend. Visit www.srcn-hgop.com for more information or email: contactus@srcn-hgop.com.

Star Gazing

On Monday, June 18, at 8 p.m., the Sandown Public Library and the New Hampshire Astronomical Society will host a Star Gazing event at the Sandown Central School field behind the library. Several telescopes will be available to view the night sky. All ages are welcome.

Mothers Club

The Sandown Mothers Club meets Monday, June 11, at the Sandown Town Hall, lower level, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining or getting more information is encouraged to attend. The club is a combination of community service and social time for children, newborns through school age, and mothers. Activities include playgroups, moms' night out, seasonal outings and community events. Members from surrounding communities are welcome. If interested in becoming a member but unable to attend the meeting, email Alex at sandownmothers@yahoo.com.

Phonics Program

The Sandown Lions Club has purchased a Hooked-on-Phonics Classic learn-to-read program, available for loan to any Sandown or Danville resident with a child under 15. The loan period is three months. The loan is free but the Lions request a \$30 cash deposit that will be refunded when the program is returned. For more information, contact Project Chairman Donna Green at 974-0758. For information about joining the Sandown Lions, contact Fred Soule at 974-0547 or vbalnh@yahoo.com or any Sandown Lion.

Summer Recreation

The Sandown Summer Recreation Program takes place June 25 through Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, with extended program hours and rates available. Choose the number of weeks to attend. Program

information is online at www.sandown.us. All registrations are in person except for extenuating circumstances. Registration is open to children who are a minimum of 6 years old or will be entering Grades 1-8 in the fall. A birth certificate or official school record documenting grade is required for all first-time participants. Remaining registration date at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive is June 11 from 1 to 6 p.m. Registration deadline is June 11 by 6 p.m. Registrations received after the deadline are subject to increased fees. No daily or partial week rates available.

Ice Cream Social

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to call the recreation office to register for an Ice Cream Social set for June 14 at 1 p.m., with a presentation of "Senior Moments," at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive, courtesy of Seacoast Repertory Theater's senior volunteer group. The event is free. Registration is required by Monday, June 11.

Zumba

Zumba for high school students is offered by Sandown Recreation. The 10-week summer period (two five-week sessions) begins Tuesday, June 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive. Save money and sign up for the entire 10 weeks or purchase a prepaid punch card. Registration is open to students who will be entering Grades 9-12 in September. Cost for the 10-week session is \$76 for residents and \$86 for non-residents. A

five-week session is \$38. Prepaid punch cards may be used anytime during the 10 weeks of classes and cost \$9 per class for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Line Dancing

Instructors Kathy and Tom return to offer Line Dancing at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive, for seniors age 60 and over on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Session 1 begins June 12. Registration is due by Thursday, June 7. Cost for residents is \$10 per person for the five-week session, and \$12 for non-residents. Come at 9:30 a.m. on the first day for a cup of coffee and socializing.

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Skin Cancer Screenings

Parkland Medical Center and the Lahey Center for Oncology and Hematology at Parkland Medical Center present free skin cancer and melanoma screenings for members of the community. Two local physicians are donating their time to provide the screening. General Surgeon Dr. Mary Fudge will provide screenings on Wednesday, June 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. All screening sessions are at the Nutfield Professional Building, Suite 206, 44 Birch St., Derry. Nurses and medical staff will be present throughout the afternoon. Light snacks will be provided. The screenings require pre-registration by calling the hospital's Consult-A-Nurse line at 1-877-642-2362. Each appointment will be 15 minutes.

Running Camp

Greater Derry Running Camp for boys and girls in fifth grade and older will be held July 23-27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pinkerton

Academy Track. Cost is \$80 per child, \$95 for late sign-up after July 9. For questions, contact Amy Bernard at: paruncamp@yahoo.com or 548-7470.

Free Physicals

Pinkerton Academy will host a free athletic physical night in its field house on Wednesday, June 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. More information can be obtained by contacting athletic administrative assistant Linda O'Brien at 437-5200, ext. 2115, or lobrien@pinkertonacademy.org.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life of Greater Derry and Londonderry begins Friday, June 22, at 6 p.m. and continues until Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Track in Derry. The towns of Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Chester, Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson, Danville and Windham have both residents and businesses involved in the Relay. The event celebrates the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones who lost their cancer battles, and fights back against the disease. For information on how to join a team or start one, to sponsor, volunteer, or walk as a survivor or participate in any capacity, contact Brigit

Ryan-Souza at 471-4113 or derry_relay@cancer.org or visit www.relayforlife.org/derryand-londonderry. The next Team Captains' meeting is May 8 at 6:45 p.m. at the Derry Public Library on East Broadway.

Red Sox Raffle

A drawing will be held June 28 for a raffle of two front row seats at the Red Sox vs. Yankees game, including passes to the Royal Rooters Club, on July 6 at 7:10 p.m. The seats are front row at visitor dugout (Sec 26, Box 65), and are donated by the Saren family. Second prize is four front row seats to the Fisher Cats vs. Seadogs game Friday, July 6, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for one, \$50 for six. Make checks payable to: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH 03038. Raffle tickets will be mailed. For more information, contact Laurie at medrek9352@aol.com or call 432-9352. Proceeds benefit the synagogue.

Hyla Brook Poets

The Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop meets the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. For questions, contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com or visit www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a hearing of the Hampstead Board of Adjustment, June 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building, 11 Main Street, Hampstead, NH for the following:

To consider the request of Gregg Thurlander for a Special Exception to the terms of Article III Section 2:3-2 of the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an accessory building which will exceed 750 square ft. for property owned by Albert Meyer and located at 87 Main St., Hampstead, NH in the Residential Zone, Map 8 Parcel 64. Hearing continued from May.

To consider the request of Leiza Peek for a Special Exception to the terms of Article IV Section 5 of the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance to permit seasonal conversion for property located at 20 Thomas Dr., Hampstead, NH in the Recreational Zone, Map 8A Parcel 3.

To consider the request of Richard Locke for a variance to the terms of Article III Section 3:2F of the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an accessory building which will exceed 600 square ft. for property located at 65 Mills Shore Dr., Hampstead, NH in the Recreational Zone, Map 8 Parcel 99.

Discussion with Chief Building Official.

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